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Mistakes Happen

Editorial

Yesterday the *Ithacan* published an editorial about what we considered to be the Administration's policy. At this time we would like to print a retraction of *part* of the editorial. This section includes the discussion of a student's prank in placing a Volkswagon in a dorm lobby. We are glad to know that the Administration can accept such pranks for what they are. This can be shown by the fact that Dean Clarke and Dr. Dillingham laughed off the incident after being assured that there was no damage done. The Editors of the *Ithacan* do not want this fact interpreted to mean that student pranks are condoned by the Administration (or, for that matter, the newspaper).

All actions—even pranks—must be preceded by responsible thought. According to Dean Clarke, expulsion was never considered. However, some D.A.'s led students to believe that expulsion would be the penalty for the culprit. There seems to be a difficulty in the liaison between the Deans and the Dorm Advisors. Dean Clarke said the dorm advisors operate within the policy of the administration, but should not make commitments of administrative policy without first consulting with them. The following quote, from the Student Government Handbook, Spring 1964, proves this fact and we quote:

"Each resident hall has among its residents one or more upper classmen who act as Advisors and in this capacity represent the Administration in their respective houses . . ."

The major problem arose when the D.A.'s took it upon themselves to formulate a policy.

At the time that the editorial was written we believed that we were right and properly informed. We believe that our actions were therefore legitimate in that we had—and still have—the good of the school as a whole in mind. We were neither criticizing nor crucifying; rather we were warning of the dichotomy that we feel exists between the Administrative policy and the faculty teachings.

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